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Applicant : Fischer, *et al.*
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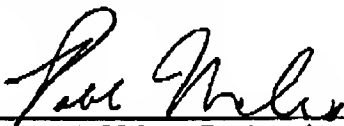
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Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing Applicants' Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116. Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

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OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed May 26, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this submission.

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